



Treasure Valley
Children's Relief Nursery[©]

Board of Directors

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House Revenue Committee
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St SE
Salem, OR 97301

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Dear House Revenue Committee members,

Secretary:
Tawni Maxwell

This letter is to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in your district, whose mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families, has passed a resolution to formally oppose the passage of both House Bill 2456 and House Bill 2001. We believe the ultimate impact on charities throughout Oregon would be significantly detrimental if bills of this nature to be put into legislation.

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Non-profits such as ours rely on the generosity of others who make direct donations to our organization, but we also rely on grants from large private foundations such as the Oregon Community Foundation. We know that many of their donors would find themselves directly affected by a reduction in permissible tax deductions because of their income levels.

Executive Director:
Katherine M. Collins

While we fully understand the need to increase general revenue in Oregon, we believe that if non-profits' ability to serve is affected, those individuals seeking a variety of social services will immediately turn to – you guessed it – state government for assistance. In the case of relief nurseries, we are required by law to raise a 25 percent match of our state funding. It seems inevitable that the proposed legislation would hamper our ability to do so.



We thank you for your consideration of the reasons for this letter.

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